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Mr. Richard Billings
Associated Editor
Life Magazine,

Dear Dick,

In connection with your picture story, I now have what I think is a viable Jean Valjean approach, with pictures that I like, not technically but by content. You may recall I once said that if enough people in Dallas got to read my books I'd be getting more things. One radical-right, educated man has sent me identifiable pictures of two really excellent places to ambush, each with an almost 100% chance of no detection. He had already sent me and I have the sewer-system plans for Dealey Plaza, before and after rebuilding. It may or may not have happened, but I have no doubt these pictures show two perfect places for safe shooting from excellent and hidden hiding places. Real duck blinds! Are you interested? Jim is. He phoned today. I had written him...I'll be going down again after the Parallax book is out.

As I recall it, I think you said you'd be in D.C this week or next. I'll be there next Wednesday, 9/13, for a lunch date. By then I may have some new and interesting material. I have roughed out the autopsy-medical stuff some of which I gave you copies of. That bookmis now largely drafted.

Jones phoned me to tell me what he and Dick saw in their viewing of the Alyea films in motion. They were to see them still. I am excited by a negative proof in them, the absence of any film of the finding of the so-called bag. Jones is less excited. Alyea is a damned alert newsman. If he didn't have that in his film it didn't happen. I have a document that bears excitingly on this. It is consistent with my original belief no such bag was found there. Wrapping paper, probably.

Bob Castoer phoned. Nothing new there. Somebody else was bugging him from my book.

I have a complete transcript of the Bob Scott-Andrews tape and the tape. Want?

Bob tells me that he had a long talk with Alvin Beauboeuf in the witness room. Beauboeuf knew Scott was a reporter. He nonetheless freely told him that no effort was made to corrupt him, that he was asked for only the truth.

Please let me know if you'll have time in D.C. I can get to take more pictures of 399 and will, with calipers, as soon as I can get a good photographer I can pay. Can you tell from your pix if there is possibility of a 3.5 mm fragment at the butt?

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg